

HONORING TEXAS DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY TROOPER  
LARRY BUXTON FOR RECEIVING  
A PURPLE HEART

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Larry Buxton. Mr. Buxton, who is stationed in Denton, Texas, in Texas' 26th District, is a recent recipient of the department's Purple Heart Award.

Trooper Buxton suffered life-threatening injuries April 6, 2007, at a roadside park in Denton County after he pulled over a suspected drunken driver. While performing routine checks he was injured when a car driven by another suspected drunken driver veered off the highway into the park. Despite his severe injuries, Buxton managed to check on the condition of the drivers while also calling for help.

Trooper Buxton has been with the Texas Department of Public Safety for 13 years, and has since returned to duty. The Purple Heart Award which he was justly awarded honors the sacrifices of troopers while performing their duties. The Texas Department of Public Safety provides public safety services to the people of the State of Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant. Trooper Larry Buxton is a fine example of what the Texas Department of Public Safety requires in an officer and is truly deserving of the Purple Heart Award. I am glad to know that the 26th District of Texas has the best of the best protecting its citizens and am truly grateful for the commitments and sacrifices Larry Buxton has made to protect his community. It is an honor to represent him in the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. MELANIE  
STALLWORTH

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2008*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Ms. Melanie Stallworth, who was nominated to be the 2008 Delaware Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year and awarded the Future Leaders Award.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Reader's Digest have nationally sponsored the Youth of the Year program since 1947. The goal of Youth of the Year has been to recognize outstanding members of the Boys & Girls Club and their contributions to their Club, community, school, and family. More than 32,000 youth are served by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware.

Twelve students were nominated for the honor of Youth of the Year through an intensive local and state level selection process, including the nominees' personal contribution to home and family, community, school and their Boys & Girls Club. The nominees had to prepare two essays explaining why post-high

school education is important and what the Club means to them. Additionally, students had to prepare a 3–5 minute speech and have an interview session with a panel of judges. The candidates attended the Youth of the Year Summit, where they received professional guidance regarding public speaking, writing, and interviewing skills.

After winning the Local Youth of the Year award, Melanie moved onto the state level competition, where she refined her essay and prepared for the next round of interviews. Melanie was an extremely qualified candidate for the Youth of the Year 2008. Melanie actively volunteered through her club with Habitat for Humanity. Melanie serves as a mentor to younger members and she is a member of Torch Club, Caesar Rodney High School Kick Butts anti-smoking club, and the Spanish Club. Melanie's activism did not go unnoticed, and she was awarded the Future Leaders Award.

Once again, I would like to commend Melanie Stallworth for being nominated as the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware's Youth of the Year and winning the Future Leaders Award.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROGER HALL

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend Roger Hall, the Director of the Boulder City Parks and Recreation Department for his outstanding achievements throughout the Boulder City community.

Roger was born in Arlington, Virginia in 1952 when his parents were in the military working at the Pentagon. His father was in the Air Force, which required his family to travel. Roger attended various schools in Japan and Germany, where he graduated from Munich American High School in 1971. In high school, he was the captain of both the football and basketball teams, and was an All-Conference soccer player. He received an Associates of Arts Degree from the University of Maryland Campus in Germany, and Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. In college, Roger was the starting point guard on the University of Maryland Basketball Team in which he graced the cover of a recent Boulder City local newspaper decked out in a short 70's inspired uniform complete with long flowing hair and a matching headband. At this time he was a player and coach for their football team, and was an avid soccer player. Upon graduation, Roger worked at the Air Force Academy for the summer, before moving to Boulder City, Nevada.

While working in Boulder City, Roger established the soccer program, and was the first Pool Manager of Boulder City Pool and Racquetball Complex which was built in 1980. In 1984, Roger was promoted to the Director for the Boulder City Parks and Recreation Department, which he has proudly held for 23 years. In addition to his professional duties, Roger is very active within the Boulder City community. He has served as President of the Boulder City Rotary Club and has been a member for the past 16 years. In his free time Roger is a true outdoorsman, and an avid hunter.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the accomplishments of Roger Hall. He is a passionate and dedicated, civic-minded, individual and an integral force within the community. I congratulate Roger, his wife Tracey, his four children, and two grandchildren for his contributions to the people of Boulder City.

HOUSE ESTABLISHING A LETTER  
CARRIERS APPRECIATION DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 49, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Letter Carriers Appreciation Day.

In 1775, Members of the Second Continental Congress established the Post Office Department, the predecessor of the Postal Service and the second oldest Federal department or agency in the United States. For the past two centuries, the United States Postal Service has evolved and changed as the United States has grown. Today, the Postal Service delivers hundreds of millions of messages each day to more than 141 million homes and businesses. Behind the delivery of each of these letters is the hard work and dedication of a letter carrier.

Letter carriers deliver more than 43 tons of mail per year, which averages out to about 2,300 letters, cards, and circulars per carrier per day. Six days a week, rain or shine, hurricane or blizzard, our Nation's 705,000 carrier letter carriers and 98,000 non-carrier employees faithfully contribute to our economic strength and vitality through their timely and efficient delivery of mail.

I have spent hours walking mail routes with the letter carriers in New Jersey. I have seen first hand how dedicated postal employees are to ensuring the timely and safe delivery of mail and tying together our local communities. These letter carriers should be applauded for their service to all Americans.

I urge all of my colleagues to support H. Res. 49 and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the letter carriers in your congressional district.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BRIAN  
ROSARIO

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2008*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Rosario, who was nominated to be the 2008 Delaware Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Reader's Digest have nationally sponsored the Youth of the Year program since 1947. The goal of Youth of the Year has been to recognize outstanding members of the Boys & Girls Club and their contributions to their Club, community, school, and family. More than 32,000